

ESTABLISHED AUGUST 24, 1852.

The Intelligencer.

SPECIAL meetings of the Western Iron Association, and also of the Western Association of Nail Manufacturers, are held at Pittsburgh for January 12th.

To-morrow, January 1st, the Street Railway Company will commence selling tickets in their cars at the rate of five cents for a quarter. They will be sold in strips of five tickets.

SOME idea of the enormous potato crop raised this year may be formed from the statement that the three Ohio counties of Lake, Ashland and Portage alone grew over hundred and sixty-nine thousand bushels.

AN investigation shows that the terrible gas-main explosion in Boston, last Saturday night, was caused by the carelessness of an employee who was leaving open a drip-outlet.

MAJOR SWENKEY has requested a bell to ring in the Centennial year at midnight to-night. See his card in our local columns. By our dispatch it would seem that the ringing will be very general to-night throughout the country. This is as it ought to be.

THE Pittsburgh Manufacturer of yesterday reports a better feeling in the market, without, however, any improvement in prices. It regards nails, says that the outlook is regarded favorable for a healthy spring trade. It is believed that manufactured iron has about touched hard-pan.

SO FAR as heard from a majority of members of the National Democratic Committee are opposed to holding a next Democratic National Convention east of Cincinnati. Some of the East members want the convention held at Pittsburgh. The committee will not be called together until after the Republican Committee shall have acted on time and place of its convention.

THE New York Tribune continues its considerable and irreconcilable over appointment of Frank Hereford, a "West Virginia lawyer," to the chairmanship of the Committee on Commerce. His experience as captain of a scout the tug-fork of Sandy county for fishing with the Tribune. Familiarity in the "saw" trade is not enough to qualify a man for such an important position.

DAMAGE BY THE RECENT RAIN. Short distance above Nell's Siding miles west of Bellaire, some 300 rods of railroad track were destroyed. Mr. Mahan's track is said to have been higher than for 22 years past. For miles beyond Bridgeport the railroad is covered with debris from the hills and gulches. At B's dam the creek broke a channel around head of the race, tore the race up and now all the water of the creek is poured through this new channel. At this place the water is undermining dikes and threatens it with severe damage. The Barnevillite Enterprise says (Mr. John H. near Morrisstown, had by one hundred sheep swept away downed by the flood Sunday night. Water is said to have been higher than at the great rain of the summer. Parties living near Belmont the creeks were higher than they have been for forty years.

In addition to Israel's sheep were heard of the loss of twenty-five binn. G. Major, fifty-five by Jonathan P. and about half a hundred by a Murphy, all living on Stillwater. G. Great damage was also done along the streams north and west of town.

"Still Harping on My Dangle." The Steubenville Enterprise is incensed on the subject of "more money and money." It concludes a long article in its issue of Wednesday as follows:

For all the ills that at present afflict our country there is one remedy—money, and this remedy should be administered, but the patient should be told that nothing can effect a cure but the most radical medicine. Now let us turn to the other side of the question and tell you that the money that will be long before the arteries of trade will be again fed and the strong new blood infused into the commercial system will make this political quiver with energy and vigor. To the Democratic House of Representatives the people are looking with impatient, waiting for the day forth which will place this country again upon a secure footing of financial and commercial prosperity. What House do its duty, is the question is uppermost in the hearts of many have trusted these men with power and they know why they were chosen part in the councils of the nation then they recollect the fate of all the apostates and do their duty to country and their God.

THE above is a very fervent and awe-inspiring adjuration the present Democratic House to provide for the inflation of currency. There are several replies nothing will come of it, the fiat is that the Democratic House fled against itself on the subject of currency, and will do nothing upon the subject at this session, others having their eyes fixed on the identical canvass next summer attend their own respective elections. That of the party in Ohio and Pennsylvania that question last fall has allized the politicians, and not being seen how the cat is likely to jump they will run no risks by any policy whatever in Congress, at as far as Congress is concerned, the far as we hang this harp on flows and abandon all expectation relief this session.

THE prescription of the Old the hand time still upon us, is at a skillful physician, but on looks simply to a momentary or fleeting on the patient. "More money" an out side application to be of the blood, while the cure worth anything must be much more. If instead of appealing to the ratio

House to issue more money, the *Gazette* would appeal to it to vigorously carry out the policy that has been announced from Washington as the programme of the leaders of the party, it would meet the trouble under which the country labors in a rational and efficacious manner. It is given out at Washington that the Democratic majority in the House of Representatives propose to reduce the appropriations for the support of the various branches of the Government to the extent of from \$42,000,000 to \$45,000,000 a year. This reduction is to be made in the appropriations for the army, navy, for fortifications, for navy yards, for public buildings, for rivers and harbors, for Indian affairs, for collecting the revenue, and for salaries of public officers. This is well, but it is not all. The next thing the Democratic House should do is to restore the income tax and possibly the tax on tea and coffee. These two taxes, together with the saving alluded to, would add not less than 65 to 70 millions to the public revenues, and would do more to give the people confidence in Democratic pretensions to reform than all their blarney resolutions adopted at political conventions for campaign purposes. The country needs more than anything else a vigorous and unflinching policy of retrenchment and reform in the public service, national and municipal, and the people will stand by any party that courageously introduces it.

The mistake that the *Gazette* makes in its advocacy of "more money" is in supposing that we could stimulate the country into an era of genuine prosperity by means of inflation. The idea is very superficial. It supposes a demand for our products that is not natural, such as we had when we were building railroads from "now where to now where," and selling the bonds to build them with in Europe at a heavy discount. We have now defaulted on about half these bonds and the chances for selling more are decidedly slim. Inflation would depreciate our already depreciated money still more, and inflate again the cost of everything we produce. We could sell nothing outside of our own overvalued and deeply in debt country. As we depreciated our money we would need to raise our tariff to keep foreign competition out of our own markets, and thus cut down the gold receipts whereby we pay our interest on the public debt.

How absurd such a policy would be after ten years of peace! It would be like a man recovering from delirium tremens taking to drink again. It would be to have another spree and another spell of the jim-jams. How much less rational than to try and get down to hard pan at as early a day as the general situation will permit, and thus become able not only to produce everything needed to supply our own markets, without fear of European competition, but also to compete with Europe in the markets of the world.

It is stated in some of the papers that Messrs. Halstead, Bowles and Watterson are going to reorganise the Independent party for the next campaign, and that an address to the Independent voter will soon be issued. Forster, in his life of Swift, the first volume of which has just been issued, tells a good story of the Dean's early efforts at conducting divine service. He had been appointed to a little church in one of the rural districts of Ireland, and on entering the chapel for the first time, found himself and his clerk, a Mr. Roger, the only occupants of the building. He began the service with great gravity. "Dear beloved Roger, the Scripture novelties you and me in sunny places," etc. The address to the Independent voter should be modeled after this fashion to be effective. Three copies of it will do to go round.—St. Louis Globe.

MANY a man lives with a woman half a life time without ever suspecting that the wife of his bosom has really forgotten more than he ever knew. Many a carpet-knight, who plumes himself upon his wonderful skill in smashing hearts, is being mentally measured and intellectually turned inside out by the smiling girls whom he is captivating. Many a veteran hero who pulls on his gloves to depart, feeling proudly conscious of having made a profound impression upon the susceptible soul of the belle who has endured him for an evening, would be wonderfully enlightened, if not edified, could he hear the sigh of relief which escaped her lips when the door announced his departure.—St. Louis Republic.

QUITE a number of manufacturers of staple glass wares have suspended operation, having accumulated large stocks, which must be disposed of before any more is produced. Manufacturers of specialties or novelties, however, will keep their works running, the demand for productions of this character being more nearly equal to the production.—Pittsburgh Manufacturer of yesterday.

THEY no longer say "since the war," or "bello the war," but "if you've seen you saw the earthquake," or "that was the way we did it before the earthquake." All things considered, it is a decided improvement, and may lead to the forgetting of much that should be forgotten.—Richmond Whig.

A WHEEL came off the Cambridge and Wheeling omnibus just east of the former place recently, and the driver was thrown to the ground with such violence as to disable him from continuing his trip. But one passenger was aboard, and he escaped without injury.—Barnesville Enterprise.

WE have received the Annual Calendar of the Wheeling Intelligencer, for 1876. In point of mechanical execution it is up to its usual high standard. Thanks gentlemen!—St. Clairsville Chronicle.

REVIVAL among the colored people in the South have suspended during the season.

After an address by Rev. Rodgers at the M. E. prayer meeting Wednesday evening, Mr. C. H. Lincoln, the celebrated jubilee singer of Pittsburgh, sang two solos. We have since heard persons who heard Lincoln say that they esteemed Mr. Lincoln the finest vocalist of the two. He also sang with the children of the Sunday School yesterday afternoon. Mr. Lincoln is a kindman of the martyr President.

The Disciples Sunday School give their annual concert in their church this evening. A holiday entertainment was given to the pupils of the Gravel Hill Union Sunday School in their room last evening. The weather has got to be so pleasant that the lamp lighters can again venture upon their duties with impunity. Consequently the gas is lit every night—some nights.

Rev. Rodgers preached to a large audience at the M. E. Church last night. The Wallace cornet band and the citizens who accompanied them to Wheeling to see McWade play "Hip Van Winkle," Wednesday night, had to go home, as the atmosphere was so foggy that the Star of the West could not run with safety. They "schwere off" on such trips to the Opera House.

A burglar stole all the molders' tools from the factory of the Bellaire Manufacturing Company a few nights ago, and no clue has been obtained to their whereabouts.

OYSTERS.—If you want No. One Oysters for the holidays call at the old stand "Oyster Bay," 226 Union street, where you can get them by the case, quart, or by the meal cooked in every style. First class meals at all hours, of every thing the market or adjacent country affords, and gotten up in the most recherche manner. JACOB DUBART, Proprietor.

River News.
The river continues to fall rapidly. Last evening the marks indicated 25 feet 10 inches.

The Granite State passed up at 8 A. M. The Market Boat departed for Pittsburgh at 8 A. M.

The steamer Hornbrook collided with the Granite State at the wharf yesterday morning, but no damage was done to either boat.

The Emma Graham passed down at 8 A. M.

The Courier departed for Parkersburg at noon, in charge of Frank Booth.

The Dick Fulton and Sam Brown passed down with tow of coal.

Capt. The Davis of the Star of the West, brought the Courier up to Wheeling yesterday morning.

The Star of the West had to lay at the wharf on Wednesday night on account of the smoke and fog.

The Express will leave for Parkersburg at noon today.

The Hudson will arrive from Cincinnati to-day.

(By Telegraph)
PITTSBURGH, December 30.—River twelve feet and falling; weather clear and pleasant.

CAIRO, December 30.—The weather is very warm. River 3 feet and falling by government gauge.

EVANSVILLE, December 30.—Weather chiefly cloudy, with light rain; mercury 53°. River 35-2-10 feet and rising. Up—Louisville, Arkansas, from St. Louis; Captain George Roberts, Dick Johnson and Ike Hammett and barges. Down—Grey Eagle, The Hobbs is repairing her boilers here. Business light.

CINCINNATI, December 30.—River 47 feet 10 inches and stationary. Weather warm and alterable. Arrived—Cincinnati, Memphis, Wheeling—Exchange, Pittsburgh; Glasgow, Evansville.

CAIRO, December 30.—Arrived—A. J. Baker, from St. Louis; Liberty No. 4, from the South; E. M. Norton, from St. Louis; James Gilmore, from St. Louis; Captain George Roberts, Dick Johnson, from the Tennessee river. Departed—Bermuda, for Nashville. River 26 feet 8 inches and rising. Weather clear; mercury 62°.

LOUISVILLE, December 30.—Parker from Cincinnati. Arrived—J. D. Parker from Cincinnati. Tom Sherlock, from Memphis. Departed—J. D. Parker, for Memphis; Tom Sherlock, for New Orleans. River 20 feet 4 inches in canal.

MEMPHIS, December 30.—River rose 3 feet; weather clear; mercury 75°. Arrived—Baum, from Cincinnati; Collier, from New Orleans; Yeager and Chester, for St. Louis; Quinney and Mary Belle, for New Orleans.

NASHVILLE, December 30.—River rising, 21 feet on the shoals. Arrived—Edyville, from Cairo, and Silverthorne, from Evansville. Departed—Silverthorne, for Evansville.

VICKSBURG, December 30.—Down—Ashland, Up—Joe Kinney and Belle, St. Louis. Arrived—Robert E. Lee.

By Telegraph

ASSOCIATED PRESS REPORT.

TO THE DAILY INTELLIGENCER

LYNCH LAW.

Great Excitement at Charleston Last Night.

(Special to the Intelligencer.)
CHARLESTON, W. Va., Dec. 30, 8 P. M.

On Christmas night Rufus Estep and John Dawson murdered Thomas Lee in a drunken spree at Malden, in this county, without cause. They stabbed him full of holes, thirty-two times in all, three of which went into his heart. The atrociousness of the crime created a terrible feeling against the murderers, and the miners and laborers generally in the Salinas commenced at once to organize a mob for the purpose of lynching the murderers. About twenty minutes ago a band of men, mostly masked and variously estimated at from three to five hundred, came into town, about half of whom were on horse back and the others on foot. They marched down Kanawha street with pistols in hand, turned at all the gas lights as they proceeded, and made their way to the jail. The citizens were very much excited and gathered in large numbers about the mob but were driven back in every direction from the jail by the armed mob. The keys were demanded from the jailor's assistant, and were procured without delay. The leaders went through the jail but could not find the prisoners, they having been taken out soon after dark by Sheriff Morgan, who had anticipated the coming of the mob. They then tried to find the whereabouts of the jailor, swearing that they would hang him if he did not tell them where the prisoners were. Failing to find him, they have just now dispatched a body of cavalry to go to the Sheriff's residence and, if possible, to find him there.

LATER.

CHARLESTON, 10 P. M.

The mob have captured the jailor, and have just had an interview with him, and without finding the prisoners. The cavalry have all gone off, after first ordering the infantry to keep the jailor under guard until they returned. The supposition is that they have forced from him a knowledge of the whereabouts of the sheriff with the prisoners. The commander of the cavalry ordered the infantry to remain in their position until they returned, whether it be one or five hours.

REPORTER.

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WASHINGTON.

No Checks or Drafts, if You Please.

WASHINGTON, December 30.—The Secretary of the Treasury declines to receive checks and drafts in payment of the debts due the government. This will prevent National banks from paying their semi-annual duties in anything else than lawful money.

CASSIUS M. CLAY FOR VICE PRESIDENT.

Cassius M. Clay, of Kentucky, writes to a gentleman of this city, that his State will present his name to the National Democratic Convention in 1876 as a nominee for Vice President.

CLEVELAND.

Victims of the Little Joker.

CLEVELAND, December 30.—Three passengers on the Atlantic & Great Western Railroad were fleeced out of \$750 by three card monte men this morning. The gamblers jumped from the train while it was in motion near Randall Station. One of the victims followed them and compromised the matter by having \$250 returned. The gamblers have not yet been arrested.

ICE BARRED.

The tug S. C. Coe, which left this port for Milwaukee last Monday, returned here yesterday, not being able to get through on account of the ice.

CENTENNIAL WELCOME.

Mayor Payne, of this city, has issued a proclamation recommending the citizens to join in welcoming the Centennial year. All the public buildings will be illuminated to-morrow afternoon, and a salute of 100 guns fired.

Pork Packing Report.

CINCINNATI, December 30.—The Cincinnati Price Current to-morrow publishes an elaborate pork packing report with estimates for the entire season, which indicates a falling off at all interior points in the West, amounting to \$70,000, and with a possible falling off at the leading cities enough to make the aggregate decrease 750,000, as compared with last year. The Price Current, however, remarks that the chances favor a final deficiency somewhat less than this number, and that taking the increased weights into consideration it may be safe to calculate that the hog crop will not materially vary from 5,000,000 at last years weights, against 5,568,000, a decrease of ten per cent, and the packing date at all points is approximately 5,000,000, against 4,000,000 hogs a year ago. Ohio interior points show from 10 to 12 pounds of decrease in weights. Indiana about the same last year; Illinois, 20 pounds of an increase; Iowa, 15 pounds of an increase; Missouri, 35 pounds of an increase; Kansas and Nebraska, 50 pounds of an increase, and a moderate increase in other sections.

The Kentucky Legislature and Its Work.

LOUISVILLE, December 30.—The Legislature of Kentucky will convene at Frankfort, the State Capital, to-morrow. Information from there says that the members are arriving fast, quorums in the House and Senate now being there. As the Legislature has not been in session for two years, the present session is anticipated with interest by the whole State. The election of a United States Senator to succeed the present incumbent, ex-Gov. Stevenson, has awakened interest and is causing a very warm struggle between Senator Stevenson, Hon. James B. Beck, ex-Gov. Leslie, Gordon Williams and Isaac Caldwell for Senatorial honors. Public opinion is very much divided regarding who will be elected, though the race is evidently between Stevenson, Beck and Williams.

A Resurrectionist Doctor.

CHICAGO, December 30.—A telegram was received here this morning stating that Dr. E. P. Wilder, who directed the exhumation of the corpse recently buried and sent to an express office here, has been arrested and detained at Fairfield.

Pulp Mill Burned.
HALIFAX, December 30.—A pulp mill at the Ellersburgh Paper Mill was burned last evening. Loss \$100,000.

NEW YORK.

Tilton a Witness for Bowen.

NEW YORK, December 30.—Application was granted to-day by Judge McCue in the Brooklyn City Court for the appointment of a referee to take the evidence of Theodore Tilton in the other suit for \$100,000 damages brought by Henry C. Bowen against the Brooklyn Eagle.

FRAUDULENT CLAIMS.

The committee appointed to consider the Witowski and Fort Sugg claims filed in their report that both claims are fraudulent, and that they have passed through the office of the Auditor and second Comptroller without such examination as the law requires, and that Geo. Doolittle, clerks in his office, and the second Comptroller and Deputy Curtis and John Wilson, clerks in his office, had failed to give such disinterested proper examination, and are therefore chargeable with culpable negligence. The report does not impute to any of these officers or any one connected with the department corrupt or fraudulent purposes. The Secretary of the Treasury submitted the report to the President this morning, and on his return to the department showed it to Messrs. Brodhead, Rutherford and Curtis, who promptly agreed to tender their resignations. The report was also shown to their clerks above named, who will also resign.

MURDER AND SUICIDE.

Later information from the scene of the tragedy states that the name of the woman living in an adjoining apartment who gave the alarm, and the room was broken into, when the senseless bodies of Minister, his wife and the dead body of his child were found. The nurse and wife were taken to the hospital where the doctors pronounced their wounds fatal. It is supposed that Minister first shot his child, then his wife, and then shot himself. It is thought that poverty caused him to commit the crime.

FINED AND IMPRISONED.

John E. Grant, convicted of publishing the Toledo Sun and sending it through the mails, was sentenced to-day to eighteen months imprisonment and to a fine of \$500.

FREIGHTS BY RAIL.

At a meeting to-day of the representatives of the Grand Trunk, Vermont Central, Boston & Albany, and New York Central Railroads, it was resolved to increase the freight rates to the old basis of 75 cents per one hundred pounds to Chicago. A meeting of all the railroads will be held shortly to ratify this action.

A Committee Report that is Rough on Senator Spencer.

MONTGOMERY, ALA., December 30.—The Spencer Investigation Committee reported in the Senate, which was crowded with spectators. In summing up, the committee say that (Spencer), during his term of office, he was a legislator, used means to secure for himself their votes; that he abused the army, postoffice and internal revenue departments of the government. He brought evils of war upon the people and caused them to flee from their homes and abstain from commerce. He procured his office for the purpose of bargaining and bribery to secure the votes for his re-election. He corrupted the United States officials for whom he procured the Federal appointments and forced his appointees under threats of removal to vote for him, and some of them to commit crimes to obtain for him his election. He caused to be appointed to sinecure positions in the Custom House, postoffices and revenue offices persons with the intent and understanding that while in office they would not be required to render a return to the government. He would get their pay, and while so paid they would employ their time in securing pledges of votes and influence to secure his re-election to the U. S. Senate. He paid and caused to be paid money to members of the Court House Assembly to members of the Legislature. He caused money to be paid to members of the Legislature to defeat a quorum at the Capital, and thereby prevented the election of a Senator by that body; and his most trusted agent, J. J. Hinde, caused a member of that body to be drugged, and almost killed, to prevent his attendance. He dealt in United States officers as in merchandise to secure money and votes for Senator. His managers, with his concurrence, caused a State Senator for a money consideration to break his pledge of honor to another Senator, having presented a letter to the Senate to secure a seat in the United States Senate, and through his said managers he influenced the presiding officer of the Senate to connive at this fraud and to rule in violation of all Parliamentary laws and usage so as to unseat a Senator elected by the people and to place a partisan of Spencer, who was not elected by the people, and who held no certificate of election. He caused the lobby of the Senate to be filled with armed ruffians to awe the Senators and to sustain by force and violence what he had achieved by fraud. He contrived through his position as a Senator to debase men in office and out, so that in his conduct he was working evil continually.

Immense Fraud in Crooked Whisky.

CHICAGO, December 30.—The amount of revenue frauds involved in the seizure of distilleries yesterday is greater than at first supposed. It is thought that nearly three-quarters of a million dollars will be found due the government from them.

RAILROAD RATES.

The Board of Trade to-day appointed a committee to investigate the subject of a discrimination in railroad rates made by the pool in favor of other cities and against Chicago. The discrimination in favor of Milwaukee in flour rates was today abolished, and the rates from both cities henceforth will be ninety cents.

A Vicksburg special to the Herald from Summit, Miss., the place to which troops were ordered, says that no armed band of men was in Summit at any time. The Wednesday before Christmas several young men from America county, who were drunk, were talking a good deal about drunken spree, talking to annoy and frighten him. Redmond had a personal difficulty with one of the men, and he became frightened and telegraphed for troops. The dispatch says the citizens of Summit are able and willing to protect Redmond in the discharge of his duties.

Marine Intelligence.

PORTLAND, ME., December 30.—The steamship Sardinian, from Liverpool, has arrived.

SAN FRANCISCO, December 30.—Sailed to-morrow for New York the Pacific Mail steamer Colorado, for Panama.

QUINTON, Dec. 30.—The steamship Wisconsin from New York arrived.

Threatened Indian Disturbances.

SAN FRANCISCO, December 30.—The members of the Executive Committee of the Rifle Association of New York are here trying to get grounds for a rifle match at the Exposition, in which all foreign teams are expected to join. Prizes reaching \$25,000 in value will be offered.

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FOREIGN NEWS.

FRANCE.

The Paris Assembly.

PARIS, December 30.—In the Assembly to-day the debate on the report of the Committee on Dissolutions was continued. The committee had submitted a motion that the Assembly finally separate to-morrow evening if the bills which await consideration should not be disposed of. M. Cailaux, Minister of public works, urged the House not to adjourn until all the bills were passed. This was agreed to, and it is therefore probable that the Assembly will meet again in January. The left is greatly dissatisfied over the delay in the final adjournment. The Assembly adopted all the other recommendations of the Committee on Dissolution, viz.—that the delegates to choose Senators be elected January 9th, and that they proceed to the election of Senators January 23d; that the general election of members of the Chamber of Deputies be held February 20th, and that both houses meet March 8th. The Assembly will appoint a permanent committee to-morrow.

ENGLAND.

Telegraphic.

LONDON, December 30.—On and after January 1st, 1876, the telegraphic tariff for political and general news, other than commercial dispatches, to the press, unabbreviated and not in cypher, will be one shilling (twenty-five cents in gold) per word.

THE CUBAN QUESTION.

LONDON, December 30.—The Reuters Telegram Company publishes the statement that the American Minister here, in the name of his Government, has addressed the British Government for the purpose of learning its views respecting a collective intervention of the European powers with the object of putting a stop to bloodshed in Cuba. The British Government has deferred answering definitely for the present. This information comes from a special and authentic source.

A Berlin dispatch says, a meeting of the American residents to protest against the comments of the German press, on America, has thoroughly attained its object. The offending journals have withdrawn their unfavorable reflections.

SPAIN.

MADRID, December 30.—The *Imparcial* newspaper asserts that Spain will shortly address a communication of importance to the various European cabinets on the subject of Cuba.

Make the Advent of the Centennial Joyous with Bells and Banners.

JEFFERSONVILLE, December 30.—L. F. Warden, Mayor of this city, has issued a proclamation requesting all patriotic citizens to prepare for and celebrate the advent of the Centennial year by the hanging out of banners, ringing of bells and a spontaneous illumination, including a salute of 37 guns, which will take place to-morrow at midnight. Thus with joy and gladness celebrate the Centennial year of the Nation's independence.